

*Amendments to the Claims*

Please amend Claims 1-5 to read as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) An assembling method for a developing roller usable with a developing device, the developing roller including a developer carrying member in the form of a hollow cylinder, a flange member provided at an end of the developer carrying member, and a magnet provided in the developer carrying member, said method comprising:

an inserting step of inserting the magnet having at least one projection into the inside of the developer carrying member through an opening therein;

an abutting step of abutting the at least one projection to an inside surface of the hollow cylinder of the developer carrying member to reduce an eccentricity between the axis of the magnet and the axis of the hollow cylinder of the developer carrying member; and

an engaging step of engaging the flange member with the opening by penetrating the flange member through with a shaft of the magnet projected out of the opening after said abutting step.

2. (Currently Amended) An assembling method for a developing roller usable with a developing device, the developing roller including a developer carrying member, a flange member provided at an end of the developer carrying member, and a magnet provided in the developer carrying member, said method comprising:

an inserting step of inserting the magnet, which has a columnar configuration having a non-circular cross-section and which has having at least one outer projection, into the inside of ~~the inside of~~ the developer carrying member, which has having a hollow cylindrical shape;

an abutting step of abutting the at least one outer projection to an inside surface of the cylindrical developer carrying member to reduce an eccentricity between the axis of the magnet and the axis of the hollow cylinder of the developer carrying member; and

an engaging step of engaging the flange member with an opening of the developer carrying member by penetrating the flange member through with a shaft of the magnet projected out of the opening after said abutting step.

3. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein in said abutting step, the magnet is abutted to the inside surface of the cylindrical developer carrying member by attracting the magnet with a magnetic force.

4. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 3, wherein in said abutting step, the magnet is correctly positioned using a cop-away cut-away portion provided at an end of the magnet.

5. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein said the projection is provided to extend along a full-circumference full circumference of the magnet or at one or two positions.